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Kansas' racial profiling process secretive, flawed

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When two Lenexa siblings, 17 and 11 years old, were stopped for speeding at Metcalf Avenue and Interstate 435 in Overland Park, both were questioned by police.

Then they were put in handcuffs, their mother said.

"They searched my 11 year old as if he were a grown man," she wrote in a complaint to the state. "The only reason my children were treated as so is because WE ARE BLACK!!"

Her racial profiling complaint was one of 592 made to Kansas law enforcement agencies and the Kansas attorney general's office in the past five years.

But like most of the other cases, the complaint was not substantiated — a result that critics say is not only hard to believe, but raises questions about the state's nearly 20-year effort to combat racial profiling.

Despite the passage of two laws to address the issue, The Star found that Kansas' system of tracking racial profiling complaints is ineffective, opaque and deeply flawed — from incomplete data collection to redacted records to agencies simply not participating.

"In terms of actually creating transparency and accountability, you would be hard-pressed to create a more useless system,"

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Dems struggle to vet political hopefuls

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WASHINGTON

Democrats have spent months boasting about a surge of anti-Trump activism that has driven thousands of progressives to run for public office.

But they didn't prepare for what came next.

The early exit on Friday of a leading Democratic candidate in a key congressional race – a woman backed by the deep pockets of liberal EMILY's List – underscored both how unprepared these new candidates are for the unforgiving political scrutiny of a battleground campaign and the difficulty of fully vetting so many recruits.

Andrea Ramsey, a retired human resources executive and employment attorney, announced she was leaving the race on Friday after The Kansas City Star asked her about allegations in a 2005 lawsuit filed by a male subordinate, Gary Funkhouser. He accused Ramsey of making unwelcome sexual ad-

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More than 3½ years after a handcuffed man drowned in the Lake of the Ozarks, the trooper who had him in custody has been fired. **4A**

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